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S. M. GARDEN FIRS.

Clerk of the District Court,
Shiwnee County, Kansas.

Weather Indications. CHICAGO Nov. 17 -- Forecast for Kansas: Fair and much warmer tonight;

A Chicago paper asks if Robert Lincoln ever did anything except to be born.

Sunday fair; increasing southeast winds

the spoon.

GOVERNOR McKINGEY Is being asked to define his position on the currency question. If he should do so he would almost anything.

WE can have the statehouse completed if we bring the Populist senate around to the right way of thinking. Topeka should make it as pleasant for the senstors as possible. There is no need to cut off one's nose to spite one's face.

THE reason for Geo. M. Pullman's long | of speculation. absence from Chicago has just come to light. He was waiting for the quarterly dividend of two per cent on his stock to elected justice of the peace. pay traveling expenses with He got the money this week and started at once.

THE Girard Pross says there were fiftyone sample ballots—the red ones-voted in the mining precincts near Pittsburg. They were thrown out and did not materially affect the election; but judges lar a whole lot more than it is worth, and clerks who permit such irregularities ought to be brought to account

Junging by the fine, healthy appearance of the Clay Center Times, which is this week filled with advertisements, those who know Editor Dell Valentine will be quite ready to believe his assertion that | well off as white people who car out | he doesn't want any appointive office meal under the new administration. The statements that he was an applicant which have been made appear to be without foundation.

B. L. GLENN of Hodgeman county has the only cranberry marsh in Kansas. He started last year with a barrel full of young plants shipped from Michigan, He irrigated well and cultivated thoroughly during the summer and his plan- ter tation has thrived amazingly. Mr. Glenn | voices up there. gathered a few berries this fall and the promise is for an abundant crop in another season.

By THE way, that was a daisy fight the preacher got only \$1. Topera Journal made against judges carrying railroad passes. Did it cause a single pass to be given up? It was a case of great cry and tittle wool.-Troy Chief.

Yes, it is going to cause many pusses to be given up. We are collecting the fore the legislature.

THE position of A. H. Ellis on the sugbe admired. Congressman Baker's majority is only about 150. Mr. Ellis states that he will not contest the election un- mumbles a certain date. less glaring frauds be found, which he does not anticipate. It might be expected that enough irregularities could be found to warrant a claim to the seat in congress, but, says Mc Ellis, "I would not cacept a certificate if tendered to me for | der! Have those kids lost that thing more irregularities."

THE time has arrived for the agitation of the subject of building the Nicaragua canal. This is an annual occurrence. Official Paper of the City of Topeks. Each year, a little previous to the assembling of Congress in regular session somebody springs the subject of the Nicaragua canal. Senstors, representatives, financiers and business men gen-Daily edition, delivered by carrier, 10 erally join in a chorus reching what a tents a week to any part of Topeka or great thing it would be for the country suburbs, or at the same price in any and for the world in general to build Kansas town where this paper has a car- the canal. When Congress meets somebody introduces a bill providing for the By mail, three months government to guarantee the bonds of By mail, one year 3.60 the caust company and that ends the Weekly Edition, per year It might as well be understood first as last that the country is not going to submit to guaranteeing anybody's GREATEST IN KANSAS. bonds. The people had a taste of that in connection with the Union Pacific railroads that will last them a long time yet. For the three dull summer months of whole people, they are willing to pay for plain unless I think some serious blun-1834 -an increase of over fifty per cent | it and would regard it as a good and even | a profitable investment, but they don't propose to pay for it as in the case of the The leaves of the Topena Darly State
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1 to whistle when asked to pay their debt. There has been quite enough of the guaranteeing business.

One of these days when the Journal is not feeling good, it intends to hire the office boy to put a crooked pin in the editorial chair, and when a proper amount ing to write an editorial about the barnatests and the hangers on, and the bog-gars for place and the men who ought to work and don't but who want the state to give them a job .- Lawrence Journal.

Why wait for the bent pin? Why not write the editorial at once about the carbuncles and barnacles? Carbuncles and barnacles are something to be decried, ed. We are glad to see the Lawrence own, Journal threatening to utter something fearless and independent for once.

ske. Quite a number voted against it .dePherson Republican.

This is not only true of Shawnee counw but of many other counties in the The tent audiences were largely comdate. The query arises, what earthly reason has a man to belong to a Prohibdion party who is not in favor of woman uffrage. With woman suffrage estabished, prohibition would inevitably beome the rock-rooted policy of the state, and without woman suffrage it is perpatnally in danger. An anti-suffrage pronibitionist is a mental curiosity.

THE Atlanta Constitution, the leading Democratic newspaper of the south, calls apon Secretary Carlisle to resign on account of his action in making another C. H. J. Tarkon says he has no inten- issue of gold bonds which it says is untion of resigning. Not until the bowl necessary and uncalled for. Why not is empty and he has licked both sides of ask Mr. Cleveland to resign. He is the person really at fault and he would be just as likely to comply with the request.

probably dodge behind the term bimetal- creed of Democracy" says the West- sisters. Many attended almost every ism which may be construed to mean phalia (Kan.) Times. And apparently night from start to finish. One chap, nothing else, for whatever is put into it who has become locally famous because wrecks the party.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

The sand storms in western Kansas are making land higher than it was in boom

W. G. Christ has come to Peabody and what would happen is no more a matter

luck is running all a man's way who gets own pocket, but he engaged speakers of

Wood" to be given at Great Bend.

who can have it if she will step in. There is a man at Beloit who tells people their matrimonial outlook for a dol-Sterling is just now entertaining a

no dearth of the circulating medium. intelligence of the American people can would be impatient effect to reach the always be relied on," lives at Parsons. A Crescent City man feeds his hogs

Peabody Graphic: Joe Tack is a Fort

boiled wheat which makes them just as

"sis down on him." The cyclists of Marion have challenged cluded, however, everything would the cyclists of Herington, Cotton wood break loose. Falls, McPherson and Peabody on a two relay race of twenty-five miles.

An elecution contest is to be held Sat- rumble in a big bass voice, nrday at Smith Center. Judging from the election bets made from Smith Cen- self," and like admonitions would arise they have good strong resonant above the tumnit all over the tent.

Coldwater had her name changed to Bell last Friday evening. The ceremony was son is portly, his voice is ringing, his performed without a ring and the face is fresh and ruddy, and a perpetual

anyone during the campaign, its editor most informal, familiar sort, and as he suggests that the matter can be easily talked be would stroll from one end of compromised by the donation of a turkey | the platform to the other, often with for Thanksgiving by the offended one. 10-year old Lincoln boy will have to frequently he would devote a full hour to be steaming in his naphtha launch, material to tell all about it. The fight carry with him always, but he takes to it tsn't done yet. The matter will come be- more kindly than people who have had to stint themselves on account of this administration.

A Leavenworth woman has filed a pegested contest in the Sixth district is to tition for divorce on the ground that her be admired. Congressman Baker's maallegation with a change of tense, he was a fool, and then he absent mindedly pulsive way that has been of so much amusement is work, and if you've writ-

Osborne News: The school janitor went into one of the rooms the other morning and, looking at one of the blac boards, saw in large ecript these words: "Find the largest common divisor." The janitor shook his head and said: "Thus-

Lagain?"

TOM LOFTIN JOHNSON.

BKETCH OF THE SINGLE TAX, FREE TRADE CONGRESSMAN.

How He Conducted His Recent Campalgn-His Tent Meetings-Why He Went Into Politics-From a Humble Beginning to Wealth and Fame.

[Special Correspondence.] CLEVELAND, Nov. 15.-There is one admirable thing about Tom Johnson, the free trade, single taxer congressmen of this city who was defeated with so many other candidates for election and re-election this year, and that is that he is not inclined to cry over spilt milk.

"If I am defeated," he said to me just before election, "I shall return to my business with renewed vigor and If the government wants to build the probably when the time comes try the canal and operate it in the interest of the political game again. I shall not comder has been made in my campaigning."

His Campaign Was a Lively One. It is doubtful if there ever was another so lively a congressional campaign one, "I've always tried to be economical anywhere, any year, despite its disastrous conclusion, as the one conducted this year in Cleveland by Mr. Johnson. So far as this town is concerned, it is certain that nothing like it was ever known before. In one important sense it was very much like a jug handle, one sided, for, of all the daily newspapers of Cleveland, but two, one printed in much I owe her." of youom has been stored away it is go- English and one in German, were in favor of Johnson's election. The regueles and the carbuncles and the dead lar Democratic organ even, that has rarely if ever before bolted a nomination of its party, was against him. Probably this phenomenal journalistic condition had something to do with Johnson's own extraordinary activity. He seemed to be absolutely without need of rest from the beginning to the end of the canvass, and he managed to inspire wherever and whenever we find them. all his lieutepants with a degree of ac-If there are such they should be expos- tive entimisasm almost equal to his

The tent meetings were perhaps the most striking feature. One was held every night, and the attendance was al-Ir was supposed that the Prohibition- most always large enough to fill the big sts would vote solid for female suffrage, circus canvas to the door, and there but the tally kept at some precincis in were many times when the people could Shawnes county show that this is a mis- not begin to get in. Johnson himself spoke almost nightly at these meetings, besides often addressing two or three other gatherings in halls and elsewhere.



TOM L. JOHNSON.

posed of workingmen, with a sprin-"PATERNALISM has no place in the kling of their wives and daughters and of his heartfelt ejaculations of "Bully boy!" whenever Johnson would make a point, heasted for a long time that he envy of every one who knows him. The had been present at more tent meetings circumstances of his becoming a single than Johnson himself.

The tent campaign must have cost the candidate a lot of money, for he not only paid for the use of the tent, its lighting and the bands and for the daily In Barton county they consider that migration of the whole outfit out of his ability for nearly every evening, so that George Lightbody very properly will his admirers should not get tired by .help the propaganda with money. In be one of the fairies in the "Enchanted reason of hearing no one of consequence 1888 he was nominated for concress in but him. Some of his speakers were There is an uncalled for letter at the brought from New York, some from Peabody postoffice for Miss Edna Stepout, Washington and some from Chicago and elsewhere, and every one of them was failed of election. He had no thought of a better grade than the average stump speaker. Yet whenever Tom Johnson appeared in the tent, no matter who was speaking and no matter how well traveling spiritualist show and there is the speaker was holding the crowd, a mighty cheer would go up, and there The old-fashioned editor who says "the would be impatient cries for Tom. It tent rather late, timing his arrival, if possible, so as to enter just as a speaker was concluding. If a little earlier than he expected to be, Johnson always insisted on the other man finishing, and Scott society gont who congratulates him- along toward the last of the campaign self that none of the young ladies ever the crowd used to submit with good grace. Whenever the lesser light con-

"Now, Tom; bully boy, go in and give it to 'em," the main standby would

"Git up, Tom, git up. Show your-. Finally he would obey, and then there Florence Bulletin: Miss Clapper of would be another break up. Mr. John- erybody knows, is Thomas, and Tom is smile wreathes his features. His speech-If the Russell Record has offended es in the tent were invariably of the his hands in his pockets. He delighted Grover Cleveland Grabb is the load a to have his listeners ask questions, and to giving answers. It was rare indeed that any one caught him napping.

A Brief Interview. asked him how he came to go into poli- out in his little craft.

value so him in the affairs of business well as in public life, "I made up | right." my mind a few years ago that if I did make money I'd fall into a rut and be able to do nothing else all my life. Now, I didn't like that at all, and, as I had come to the conclusion that the labor | years old.

question, which is the great question these times, could be settled by the adoption of free trade and the single tax as advocated by Henry George, I decided to do all I could to help it along. That's all there is to that. Money making always was the easiest thing I ever did, and I thought it my duty to give some of the dollars I was winning and some of my time to the cause I believe

"How did you earn your first money, Mr. Johnson?" was my next question. "Peddling newspapers in Staunton, Va., when I was only 11 years old. Afterward I went to school a little, but not much. At 15 I began work as a clerk in Louisville, and I have worked ever since. What little mental training I

have had I have had to pick up as I went along, working at the same time." "How did you manage to find time to post yourself upon the many topics you must necessarily understand in order to carry on your business and your work

as a public man?"
"Oh," and Mr. Johnson smiled as it the matter was really not an important of my time. I wasn't so fond of the theater perhaps when I was a boy as some of the other fellows, and while they were having fun seeing the play I was having fun studying. Besides I was always helped and encouraged by one of the most glorious mothers in America. She is still alive, and I can't tell you how

The Kind of Man He Is. This answer furnishes a pretty good key, as far as it goes, to Tom Johnson's character. He never wastes time, and it is fun for him to be busy. He possesses another characteristic in common with most men who have really accomplished big things-he is able at will to completely abstract himself from surrounding circumstances and drive all thoughts of everything but the matter in hand from his mind. An acquaintance of his says that it's a liberal education to see Johnson work and declares that he can do more in an hour than many a really competent man can in four. At times, right in the heat of the recent campaign, Tom Johnson would find it necessary to give his thoughts to business, and then no one could get a moment's attention on political matters. Still another characteristic that has been of immense benefft to him, as it is to every man in polities who is fortunate enough to possess it, is the power of impressing every one he meets with the idea that he is entirely sincere. Then he never forgets a face or a name, and that is of course a great

His outspoken advocacy of free trade and the single tax have been a source of constant surprise this fall to those Democrats who are in favor of tariff reform and believe not at all in the single tax idea, but their attitude has not affected his utterances in the least, nor has th knowledge that many who believe with him on these two points are in favor of free silver modified in the slightest his devotion to the single money standard. He was advised more than once by well wishers to yield somewhat in these directions, but this advice had no influence whatever upon him, and it seems to be generally agreed by those who are against him as well as those who are for him that he always says what he thinks and would rather be defeated on a platform of his own choosing than to win on a compromise.

A Story or Two. His audacity is simply delightful, and his power to keep from worrying is the tax man and his subsequent candidacy for congress have often been told. Ho was riding on a train one day when the conductor advised him to buy George's "Progress and Poverty" of the newsboy and read it. Johnson did as advised and was straightway converted. Then he went to Mr. George and offered to 1888 he was nominated for congress in opposition to the Republian nominee of this year, and, although the district is normally heavily Republican, he barely of running before the nomination was tendered him and was even fearful that he could not make a speech, but, once convinced that he ought to run, left his business and sailed in.

The devotion of the young men to Johnson during the recent campaign was worth noting. He likes young men, and they like him, even when they fail to agree with all his doctrines.

His Name Is Tom, Not Thomas. Tom Johnson does not himself ride a wheel now, although at one time his plump figure astride a cycle was a feature on Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington. He is said to have learned to ride in just 60 seconds, and he was a most enthusiastic cyclist for awhile. He and Tom Reed are great friends. The latter was induced by the former, after much persuasion, to learn to ride, and they used to go pedaling along in company during the brief space that the exercise was a novelty to them.

Reed's first name, by the way, as eva nickname for him. Johnson's first name is Tom and not Thomas. He was not formally named till he was appreaching his teeps, according to one of his closest friends, and he himself bad a hand in the selection of his cognomen. His full name is Tom Loftin Johnson.

Now that he no longer rides the wheel his chief amusement is supposed which he had in the waters of New York bay last summer. His father and mother are living near Fort Hamilton, A day or two before the election I N. Y., and Tom delights to take them

"Well," he replied in that quick, im- of the launch, "Tom Johnson's real ten it down that way you've got it

Tom Johnson's wife was Miss Maggie not begin to do something more than | Johnson before their marriage, and they have two children living, Bessie and Loftin. One child died when quite young. Tom Johnson is himself only 40 M. L DEXTER.

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